

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for completing an e-mail transmission, comprising:

5       receiving a user input indicating that an e-mail message is complete;

          checking customization settings to detect whether or not the user may want to modify the text of the message to notify a recipient of a detected customization setting; and

10       in response to said checking detecting a particular customization setting, generating a user prompt to permit a user to automatically modify the text of said message.

2. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

15       parsing said message to determine whether or not said user has already entered text that will notifying a recipient of a particular customization setting; and

20       in response to said parsing detecting said entered text, skipping said generating of said user prompt for said particular customization setting.

3. The method of Claim 1, wherein said user input indicating that said e-mail message is complete is a user input instructing an e-mail program to send said e-mail message.

4. The method of Claim 1, wherein said user input indicating that said e-mail message is complete is a user input instructing an e-mail program to save said e-mail message.

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5. The method of Claim 1, wherein said user input indicating that said e-mail message is complete is a user input instructing an e-mail program to check said e-mail message.

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6. The method of Claim 1, wherein said particular customization setting is an attachment list, and wherein said automatically modifying modifies said text to include the string "Attachment(s)".

7. The method of Claim 6, wherein said attachment list has a predetermined number of attachment entries, and wherein said automatically modifying further modifies said text to include a numeric indication of said number of attachment entries.

20 8. The method of Claim 1, wherein said particular customization setting is a copy recipient list, and wherein said modifying modifies said text to include a "cc:" list.

9. The method of Claim 1, wherein said particular customization indicates a level of urgency of said e-mail message and wherein said modifying modifies a subject line of said message to include an indication of said level of urgency.

10. A system for completing an e-mail transmission, comprising:

a memory for storing program instructions and data;

a processor coupled to said memory for executing said  
program instructions; and

5 a user input device coupled to said processor for receiving  
user input, wherein said program instructions include  
instructions for

receiving a user input indicating that an e-mail  
message has been completed,

10 checking customization settings of said e-mail message  
to detect whether or not the user may want to modify the text of  
the message to notify a recipient of a detected customization  
setting, and

15 in response to said checking detecting a particular  
customization setting, generating a user prompt to permit a user  
to automatically modify the text of said message.

11. The system of Claim 10, wherein said program instructions further comprise program instructions for:

parsing said message to determine whether or not said user has already entered text that will notifying a recipient of a particular customization setting; and

in response to said parsing detecting said entered text, skipping said generating of said user prompt for said particular customization setting.

12. The system of Claim 10, wherein said user input indicating that said e-mail message has been completed is a user input instructing an e-mail program to send said e-mail message.

13. The system of Claim 10, wherein said user input indicating that said e-mail message has been completed is a user input instructing an e-mail program to save said e-mail message.

14. The system of Claim 10, wherein said user input indicating that said e-mail message has been completed is a user input instructing an e-mail program to check said e-mail message.

15. The system of Claim 10, wherein said particular customization setting is an attachment list, and wherein said program instructions for automatically modifying modify said text to include the string "Attachment(s)".

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16. The system of Claim 15, wherein said attachment list has a predetermined number of attachment entries, and wherein said program instructions for automatically modifying further modify said text to include a numeric indication of said number of attachment entries.

17. The system of Claim 10, wherein said particular customization setting is a copy recipient list, and wherein said program instructions for modifying modify said text to include a "cc:" list.

18. The system of Claim 10, wherein said particular customization indicates a level of urgency of said e-mail message and wherein said program instructions for modifying modify a subject line of said message to include an indication of said level of urgency.

19. A computer program product comprising signal-bearing media containing program instructions for execution within a general purpose computer, wherein said program instructions comprise program instructions for:

5           receiving a user input indicating that an e-mail message has been completed,

          checking customization settings of said e-mail message to detect whether or not the user may want to modify the text of the message to notify a recipient of a detected customization setting, and

10           in response to said checking detecting a particular customization setting, generating a user prompt to permit a user to automatically modify the text of said message.

20. The computer program product of Claim 19, wherein said program instructions further comprise program instructions for:

parsing said message to determine whether or not said user has already entered text that will notifying a recipient of a particular customization setting; and

in response to said parsing detecting said entered text, skipping said generating of said user prompt for said particular customization setting.

21. The computer program product of Claim 19, wherein said user input indicating that said e-mail message has been completed is a user input instructing an e-mail program to send said e-mail message.

22. The computer program product of Claim 19, wherein said user input indicating that said e-mail message has been completed is a user input instructing an e-mail program to save said e-mail message.

23. The computer program product of Claim 19, wherein said user input indicating that said e-mail message has been completed is a user input instructing an e-mail program to check said e-mail message.



24. The computer program product of Claim 19, particular customization setting is an attachment list, and wherein said program instructions for automatically modifying modify said text to include the string "Attachment(s)".

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25. The computer program product of Claim 24, wherein said attachment list has a predetermined number of attachment entries, and wherein said program instructions for automatically modifying further modify said text to include a numeric indication of said number of attachment entries.

26. The computer program product of Claim 19, wherein said particular customization setting is a copy recipient list, and wherein said program instructions for modifying modify said text to include a "cc:" list.

27. The computer program product of Claim 19, wherein said particular customization indicates a level of urgency of said e-mail message and wherein said program instructions for modifying modify a subject line of said message to include an indication of said level of urgency.